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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
HIGH-SPEED THICKNESS MAPPING
OF PATTERNED THIN FILMS**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated September 4, 2003, be extended three months from December 4, 2003 to March 4, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

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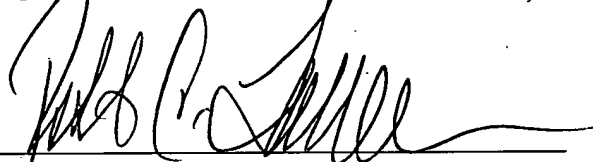
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those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee due herein, fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038** referencing Howrey Dkt. No. 02578.0006.CPUS01. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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